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I would like to comment on the Proposed Final Judgment against Microsoft for its anti-competitive practices and illegal monopoly. According to the Court of Appeals, "a remedies decree in an antitrust case must seek to 'unfetter a market from anticompetitive conduct', to 'terminate the illegal monopoly, deny to the defendant the fruits of its statutory violation, and ensure that there remain no practices likely to result in monopolization in the future' (section V.D., p. 99). I do not believe the PFJ serve this purpose. As such, I would like to voice my opposition to the PFJ.

Specifically, I do not believe the PFJ provides enough protection to Independent Software Vendors (ISV) who attempt to provide compatible operating systems with Microsoft products.

Just like the consent decree of 1995, the PFJ provides too many loop holes allowing Microsoft to continue in their anti-competitive practices. For a more detailed analysis refer to these essays:

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<http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy1.html>
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<http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/microsoft-antitrust.html>
<http://www.lamlaw.com/DOJvsMicrosoft/WrapAndFlowMain.html>

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